

## **Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Internship Program**

### **Superfund Project Internships**

EPA Region 7's Emergency Response & Removal South Branch, located in Lenexa, KS, is seeking up to three volunteer interns who are motivated, hard-working, and interested in helping the EPA protect human health and the environment.

Under supervision, the interns would gather site-specific information from various sources and complete data forms on Superfund sites. "Superfund" is the name given to the environmental program established to address abandoned hazardous waste sites. The interns would also work with EPA internal databases, site files, and EPA project managers as they accomplish their duties.

### **Requirements:**

Applicants must be:

- Enrolled at least half-time in an accredited trade school, technical or vocational school, junior or community college, four-year college or university, or any other accredited educational institution.

**Note:** Students must be enrolled and show proof of enrolment for the fall semester or during the summer if volunteering during the summer. If volunteering during winter break, the student must be enrolled and show proof of their enrolment for the spring semester. Students are eligible to participate during the school year if available and enrolled at least half time.

### **Time commitment:**

Approximately 20 hours per week. The internship will last up to 90 days but may be extended.

### **Desired Qualifications and Skills:**

- Basic computer skills for searching EPA databases and Superfund document Management Systems
- Verbal Communication and interpersonal skills
- Writing skills needed to condense information into a format suitable for public dissemination
- At least one semester in environmental science/studies

### **What will be learned:**

The intern will learn about the Superfund site cleanup process, the threats posed by contamination at the sites, and the various methods of remediation. In addition, they will learn how to convey information to a public audience

### **Compensation:**

This volunteer internship is unpaid; however, the EPA will provide you the required tools and equipment to complete the project. Volunteer interns may be eligible for subsidy reimbursement for the use of public transportation.

### **Benefits of EPA Internships:**

- You will have an opportunity to work with scientific, environmental, and government experts responsible for protecting human health and the environment.
- You will learn about how the federal government operates and have the opportunity to participate first-hand in important and meaningful work products.
- You will participate in an EPA orientation session, have the opportunity to attend training sessions known as brown-bags, and receive an EPA mentor/coach.

### **How to Apply:**

To apply to this volunteer internship opportunity, e-mail the following information to [R7internships@epa.gov](mailto:R7internships@epa.gov) by **June 24, 2014**:

#### Students

Cover letter (including dates, hours, and duration available)

Resume

Proof of Enrollment (please see the Requirements section for more information)

Transcript

Letter from School verifying that opportunity will further the intern's education goals

If you need a reasonable accommodation due to a disability in order to apply for this position, please contact [R7internships@epa.gov](mailto:R7internships@epa.gov).

This volunteer opportunity will be open until **June 24, 2014**, but may close sooner depending on the quantity of applications received. Applicants selected for the position or for an interview will be notified.